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The Honorable Clifford L. Alexander, Jr.
Secretary of the Army
Washington, D.C. 20310

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Last year I made a commitment to the Congress that I would make every reasonable effort to seek out and notify individuals who may have suffered harmful aftereffects from their participation as subjects in certain research supported by the Central Intelligence Agency. One such research program, known in CIA as Project OFTEN, was funded by the Agency but conducted by the Research Division of the Biomedical Laboratories at Edgewood Arsenal.

During the hearings before the Senate subcommittee on Health and Scientific Research in September 1977 it became apparent that there was a difference of opinion between CIA and the Department of Defense. This difference related to the question of whether tests of the compound EA#3167 on human subjects occurred before or after CIA funding of Project OFTEN had terminated in 1973. Regardless of which agency was funding the project at the time the tests were conducted in June 1973, one agency should be responsible for whatever follow up is appropriate.

Since the actual experiments were conducted at an Army installation by personnel at the Edgewood Arsenal using a compound developed from an Army R&D program, under procedures and protocols of EARL I have assumed that the subjects of the tests would be included in your notification and follow up program. Should this be an erroneous assumption, I would very much appreciate your including them in your program as you may deem appropriate.

Yours sincerely,

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